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MEMORANDUM FOR: II/OS

SUBJECT: Wolfgang Von Pfundler

1. Request was made on 29 September 1950 for a provisional operational clearance, pending a full clearance, for subject.

2. Attached are ^{excerpts from} 54-CVAMU giving miscellaneous information brought out in field investigation, subject's personal history statement, and an excerpt from an attachment to 57-CVAMU. ~~It is requested these documents be returned to this office.~~

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3 Encls.
As listed above

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Results of Field Investigation
(Excerpts of pertinent information)

1. OSO check resulted only in reference to possible mention of Subject in Switzerland Reports on old Operation INCIPIT.

2. G-2 and CIC checks reveal:

a. G-2:

".....Further information has come to light on the so-called 'White Paper' on Allied activities in Austria now being prepared by the press section of the Federal Chancellery under Hofrat KRAMER. Ignoring Chancellor FIGL's open admission that such a document is in preparation, KRAMER maintains stoutly that none of the Federal Ministries has knowledge of it. Further probing however, reveals that KRAMER had developed a large number of unofficial sources and informants, organized into something that looks remarkably like an unofficial intelligence agency for observing and reporting activities of the Allied Powers. The purpose of the document, when assembled, will be ostensibly to have ready file information available on Allied activities and policies that have influenced Austrian post-war activities, but of which the Federal Chancellor's office has no record to use for negotiations. The bulk of KRAMER's informants are reportedly gathered from the ranks of former underground workers and resistance fighters, since certain of them have proven skill at gathering information. One principal source of information would seem to be a combination French Intelligence and Operation Husky group centered in Innsbruck, the key member of which, one PFAUNDLER (fnn), is a son of KRAMER's colleague PFAUNDLER in the Federal Chancellery. His confidential reports supply the Austrian Foreign Office with much of its information on Communist activity. (C)."

b. CIC results attached

(1) []'s conversation w/Subject established that Subject's connections with the French agent mentioned in CIC report of 30 Oct. 1947 (attachment to 37-CVAVU) are fairly innocuous. Subject met that individual (B) through his godfather who became his father-in-law in 1946. B was forced to leave the French organization because he had differences with some pro-Communist elements within it. B then started his own anti-Communist information service and sold his product to all comers. He had subject introduce him to some official Austrians but, besides making the introductions, Subject claims to have had no

active part in B's organization and, indeed, sees him only a few times a year when he runs into him casually. B tried to play a role in the founding of Austrian League of Independents but had to retire from public politics when the Communist denounced his former French connections. Of special interest is [] discovery that Subject is secretary of an association which certifies individuals as being former members of the anti-Nazi resistance movement. By virtue of this position he has control of the organization's card file of some 2500 names, which is ideal for spotting purposes.

3. Ministry of Interior files were not checked because it was felt that due to the official position held by subject's father (see 2-a. above) such a check might attract attention.